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**Informational Letter Regarding Enacted Laws
By the Maine State Legislature During the 127th First Regular Session**

There were a number of laws that were enacted during the last legislative session that directly impact the Maine Board of Dental Examiner's authorizing statute. Below is a list of each new law, their effective dates and implementation status.

New laws:

1. Public Law 2015, c. 326 (LD 91) "An Act to Allow Dental Hygienists to Prescribe Fluoride Dentifrice and Antibacterial Rinse" - effective 10/15/2015.
2. Public Law 2015, c. 155 (LD 488) "An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice for Denturists" - effective 10/15/2015.
3. Public Law 2015, c. 2 (LD 918) "An Act to Allow Independent Practice Dental Hygienists To Expose and Process Radiographs under Protocols Developed by the Board of Dental Examiners" - effective 03/03/2015.
4. Public Law 2015, c. 192 (LD 1009) "An Act to Benefit the Education of Denturism Students" - effective 10/15/2015.*
5. Public Law 2015, c. 135 (LD 1156) - "An Act Regarding the Board of Dental Examiners" - effective 06/02/2015.

Implementation status:

The Board was tasked to adopt by rulemaking the protocols required for Independent Practice Dental Hygienist to expose and process dental radiographs, and the requirements for a denturism student to obtain an externship permit. Chapter 16 and Chapter 5 of the Board' rules are currently in various stages of the rulemaking process and anticipate final adoption this fall. The remaining laws that were enacted do not require additional rulemaking at this time.

FMI:

Maine State Legislature: <http://legislature.maine.gov/>

State Agency Rulemaking: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/index.html>

Board Statute and Rules: <http://www.mainedental.org/statutes.htm>

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